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LOW-K DIELECTRIC FILMS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 23, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Post Office Box 7068 Pasadena, CA 91109-7068 January 23, 2003

Commissioner:

In response to the Office action dated October 23, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows and re-examine and reconsider the application in view of the amendments and remarks provided.

ÁMENDMÉNTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3 and 18-25 and amend claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 13 as indicated in the attached Version with Markings to Show Changes Made. Please add new claims 26 and 27. The complete set of pending claims 1, 2, 4-17, 26 and 27, in amended version, is as follows: